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## Kaddoumi welcomes Brezhnev plan

DAMASCUS (R) — A senior Palestinian official has described a six-point Middle East peace initiative by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev as positive and constructive. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Political Department, said the proposals were in keeping with the peace plan adopted at an Arab League summit conference in Fez, Morocco, two weeks ago. Mr. Brezhnev's proposals this week called for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and an international conference to draw up a Middle East settlement. Mr. Kaddoumi's statement, carried by the Palestinian news agency WAFA, was the first Palestinian reaction.

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## Abdo Yamani condemns Israel

BAHRAYN (R) — The Saudi Arabian information minister, Mohammad Abdo Yamani, Saturday condemned the killings of civilians in Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut and said Israel was responsible for the massacre. "Israel and its stooges bear the historic responsibility for the horrific, barbaric crime," Dr. Abdo Yamani said in a statement carried by the Saudi Press Agency.

## Moroccan Jews hail Fez Arab summit

RABAT (R) — The Jewish community in Morocco has congratulated King Hassan on the "historic success" of the Arab summit to be hosted in Fez this month. "It is a victory over violence and destruction which must no longer be the only alternative in conflicts between nations," David Amar, secretary-general of the Council of Jewish Communities in Morocco, said in a telegram to the king which was published Saturday in the daily *Le Matin du Sahara*. Morocco's Jewish community is the largest in the Arab World with an estimated 20,000 people.

## Canada raps Israel

OTTAWA (R) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said there was no justification for the Israeli invasion of west Beirut. "If anything, it will retard the prospects for peace in Lebanon," he told the Canadian Press News Agency in an interview Friday night. "I think the (Israeli invasion) retards the day—and perhaps even the likelihood—that all foreign troops will evacuate in the immediate future," he said. The Canadian leader called the assassination of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel "an act of violence which is particularly disastrous for the peaceful evolution of Lebanon."

## Diplomatic status for PLO in Maputo

MAPUTO (R) — Mozambique has given full diplomatic status to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) office in Maputo. At a ceremony Friday night PLO Representative Hani Shawwa and Mozambican Foreign Minister Joaquim Chissano signed a joint declaration raising the status of the four-year-old office to that of an embassy.

## Non-aligned states choose India as summit venue

NEW DELHI (A.P.) — India has been informed by Cuban President Fidel Castro, current chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, that New Delhi is the choice of the members as the site for the organisation's postponed seventh summit, an Indian government spokesman said here Saturday. Dr. Castro wrote a letter to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that he had received a "unanimously favourable" response to his polling of the 94-member movement about India replacing Iraq as the venue, the spokesman said.

## Bomb scare on Air-India flight

NEW DELHI (A.P.) — An Air-India Boeing 747 flight to Rome was called back to Bombay Saturday after a woman telephoned authorities and said there was a bomb on board, an airline spokesman said. The jetliner was ordered back to Bombay about 80 minutes after its departure, spokesman James Martin said. The plane, Flight No. 131, was allowed to leave again after it was thoroughly searched and no bomb was found, Mr. Martin said by telephone from Bombay. Mr. Martin said he had no information about the unidentified woman who made the call. However, the United News of India (UNI) said a woman from the Churchgate area of south Bombay called airline authorities to inquire if the flight had departed. When told it had, she said there was a bomb on the aircraft, UNI said.

# Hundreds massacred in Beirut refugee camps

**BEIRUT (Agencies)** — Hundreds of Palestinian refugees, including many women and children, were massacred Friday and Saturday by Israeli-backed right-wing militiamen who attacked refugee camps in west Beirut, eyewitnesses said Saturday.

Dozens of bloated corpses of men, women and children lay strewn in the wreckage of a Palestinian refugee camp in Beirut after Lebanese rightist militiamen scoured the area.

The French news agency, Agence France Presse, estimated that at least 1,500 people were slaughtered in Shatila and Sabra refugee camps south of the Lebanese capital.

Reporters toured the Shatila camp hours after the militiamen left and saw dozens of bodies, some in heaps, others half-hidden

under piles of rubble. In one place, seven men lay dead in a line along the base of a concrete wall.

Reporters said the number of bodies, littering the streets and seen inside the houses of the Palestinian shantytowns, may number in the hundreds. A.P. reporters G.G. Labelle and William Foley reported seeing what appeared to be entire families shot to death inside their homes, and said it appeared men had been lined up against walls and shot, execution-style.

Under a tree in what had once been the courtyard of a small house was a tangled pile of stinking corpses, including those of two

children and some women as well as men.

### Carnage

In a narrow alley, a dead man lay on his side, shot through the head. Fleas buzzed around the body and crawled over congealed blood on his shattered skull.

In the house next door, a middle-aged woman lay sprawled on her back in a pool of blood.

Women who had survived the carnage said the militiamen burst in Friday evening and the last left Saturday morning.

There appeared to have been some resistance. In a side alley, a dead man lay on his face with a shotgun by his side. Several spent cartridges were scattered in the dust nearby.

Gathered on a military stretcher further up the street was a box of ammunition clips for Kalashnikov assault rifles and some metal magazines for machineguns.

Reporters saw similar remains in a nearby garage. But there was no way of telling whether these had been left behind by defenders or attackers.

Survivors said Israeli troops had not been involved in the sweep through Shatila camp, which they said had also taken in the adjacent Sabra camp.

An Israeli colonel told reporters outside the Shatila camp Friday that he was working on two principles—that the area should be "purified" but the Israeli army should not be involved.

A western diplomat among several who went round the camp with journalists said he believed from the state of decomposition of some bodies that they had been dead since early Friday. Others looked as if they could have been shot Saturday morning, he said.

Many of the corpses were covered by broken concrete and garbage.

"They used bulldozers to pile rubble on the dead," one woman

said. Maj. Haddad claimed his force was not involved in the massacre of women and children in west Beirut refugee camps.

"We condemn this savage action," Maj. Haddad said in a telephone call to Reuters in occupied Jerusalem.

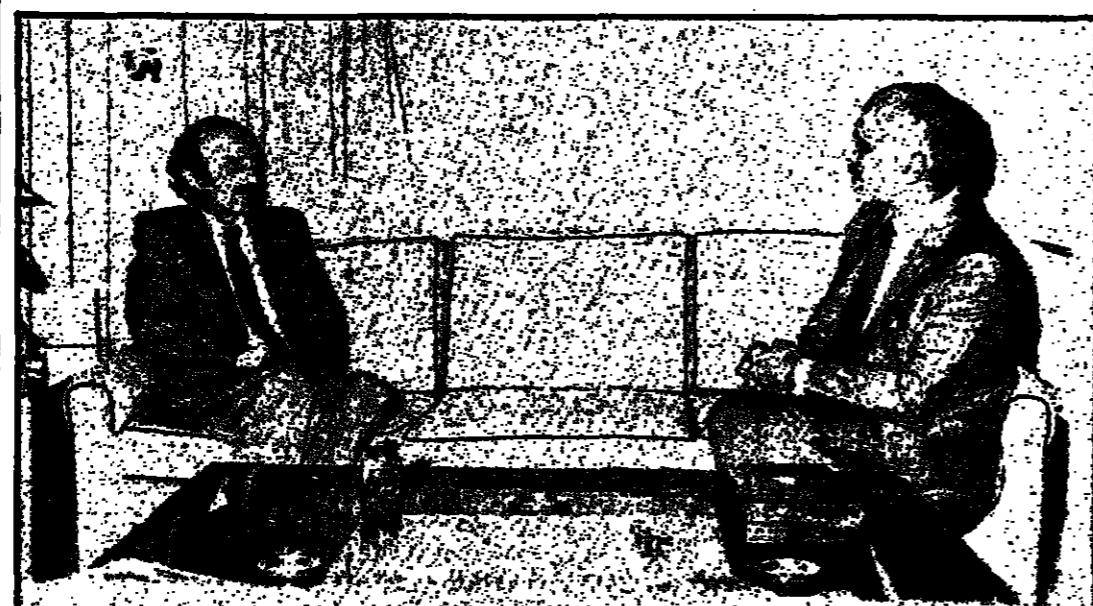
Maj. Haddad said his forces were under strict orders not to venture beyond Sidon, 35 kilometres south of Beirut.

But local newspapers had reported Haddad militiamen on Friday drove to the capital from the south, entered the camps and took some unspecified action against the camps' population.

Some camp residents seemed not to know the difference between the forces of the Falange and of Maj. Haddad, also a Christian.

The Palestinian refugee camps were the stronghold of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) before the PLO withdrew

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His Majesty King Hussein Saturday receives the leader of the Lebanese Progressive Party Walid Junblatt (Petra photo)

## King, Junblatt discuss Lebanon

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein conferred at the Royal Court here Saturday with the leader of the Lebanese Progressive Party Walid Junblatt. During the audience, they reviewed the Lebanese situation and the

dangers inherent in Israel's invasion of Beirut.

King Hussein reiterated Jordan's demand for a total Israeli withdrawal from Beirut and the rest of Lebanon's territory in implementation of U.N. Security

Council resolutions.

He also reaffirmed Jordan's concern for the preservation of Lebanon's sovereignty, territorial integrity and the unity of its people.

## U.S. joins U.N. in condemning Israel

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The United States, in a rare censure of Israel, has joined in a unanimous U.N. Security Council resolution condemning this week's Israeli push into west Beirut and demanding an immediate withdrawal.

The 15 council members Friday night approved the resolution, sponsored by Jordan, which gave Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar 24 hours to issue a report

on Israel's reaction.

Council members said the contents of the report, expected to take the form of a brief document, would determine whether and when they would be called back into session.

Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum left the council chamber with his delegation moments before Friday night's meeting got under way after informing the president, Ambassador Masahiro

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on Israel's new year.

Ambassador Charles Lichens

tein, who cast the American vote, did not address the council. Asked later by reporters to comment on the U.S. decision to approve the

resolution.

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# HOME REPORTS

## Ain Ghazal excavations reveal 9,000-year-old Neolithic village

Text and photos  
By Rami G. Khouri  
Special to the Jordan Times

**AMMAN** — An American-led international team of archaeologists, six weeks of fieldwork earlier this year and some technological wizardry from the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D.C. have started to reconstruct the life, economy and resources of a 9,000-year-old Neolithic village that flourished for hundreds of years on the edge of what is present-day Amman.

The brief excavations carried out in January and March of this year have revealed enough about the site of Ain Ghazal village, across the highway from the sewage treatment plant at the northern entrance of Amman, to prod the co-directors of the dig to launch a major effort to raise funds and put together a large-scale excavation for next summer.

The large size of the site—compared to other known, smaller Neolithic villages of the same period, such as Jericho and Beidha, in the West Bank and south Jordan respectively—and its apparent status representing a transitional phase of socio-economic development between the valley to the west and the Syrian highlands to the north, makes Ain Ghazal an archaeological site of potentially enormous importance.

The prospect of having an intact Neolithic village on Amman's doorstep excavated, preserved, and opened for visits by tourists and residents of Jordan is one that could also have significant impact on the tourism sector.

The site was first noticed by Jordaniar archaeologists about six years ago, when bulldozers clearing the way for a new highway at

the northern entrance of Amman exposed what were obviously several layers of plastered floors. The site remained untouched because of a lack of specialist in the Neolithic period, the era between 8,000 B.C. and 5,000 B.C. when bands of nomadic hunters and food gatherers gradually settled down into a permanently sedentary lifestyle as they learned to cultivate plants and domesticate animals.

Earlier this year, two American archaeologists who are specialists in early village life and stone age materials happened to be resident in Amman and were asked by the Jordanian Department of Antiquities to put together a multinational team of archaeologists to study the site.

The six-week working season this year has shown that Ain Ghazal (the "spring of the gazelle", indicating the presence of both a nearby water source and gazelle herds in times past) may be one of the largest, best preserved Neolithic villages in the entire Middle East. The two Americans co-directing the dig, Dr. Gary Rollefson of Yarmouk University, and Dr. Albert Leonard, Jr., associate professor of art history and archaeology at the University of Missouri, at Columbia, surveyed the immediate area around Ain Ghazal and concluded tentatively that it was an ellipse-shaped village covering about 120 dunums, (30 acres). This would make it three times as large as the famous Neolithic village at Jericho.

This initial estimate has been firmied up by recent fieldwork at the site using a "resistivity monitor unit" developed by Bruno Frohlich, a Dane working at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The "black box", as it is known,

emits electrical pulses from one end of a long boom arm that are bounced into the earth and deflected back up and recorded at the other end of the boom. Any subsurface anomalies are picked up by the unit, and tests at Ain Ghazal have recorded subsurface anomalies almost exactly in the entire area that the archaeologists had determined covered the Neolithic village. Those subsurface anomalies could be either plastered floors or stone walls, and tend to confirm the large size of the village.

The size of Ain Ghazal, coupled with the good state of preservation in those few areas that have been excavated to date, makes it a site that will require a large-scale excavation programme over the years to come. Dr. Rollefson plans to resume fieldwork at the site in the summer of 1983, hoping in the meantime to have put together a large international team of some 50 people, including students from Jordan and the United States. Funding for the project also needs to be arranged in the next nine months.

### A worthy cause

What has come out of the Ain Ghazal earth to date suggests that money put into the project will be well spent. The field work this year opened up five working squares, or an area less than one-quarter of one per cent of the entire site. But, in this small area, the archaeologists have found at least 42 structures, apparently houses in most cases. One 15-metre-long building, subdivided by three interior walls, could be a non-domestic public building of some sort, Dr. Rollefson says. The structures have been mostly made of stone walls, with mud bricks used in a few cases.

The houses all had hard, smooth plastered floors that were painted with a red ochre dye that retains its beauty today, some 9,000 years after it was first applied.

The four separate levels of plastered floors indicate the village of Ain Ghazal was inhabited by successive generations for hundreds of years, though the precise years of the village's existence will only be known later this year when Carbon-14 dating techniques are applied to some of the carbonised organic material that was recovered.

Dr. Rollefson dates the village to the Pre-Pottery Neolithic B (PPNB) era in Syria/Palestine, which spans the years 7,400-6,000 B.C. Along with the red ochre, plastered floors, the telltale sign of PPNB civilisation is the habit of burying people underneath the floors of the houses. Thirteen such domestic burials have been found at Ain Ghazal. The novel element here, though, which was not found at Jericho or at Beidha, is the regular presence of a sunken hearth within one metre south of each burial. The hearths, sunken hollows in the plastered floor of a house, were probably used for cooking or other domestic work. One theory being studied is that each house had a separate burial room. In one house, there were three superimposed hearths and three burials about one metre to the south of them.

### Cultural rule

"The sunken hearths in association with domestic burials are so regular that they seem to be one of the cultural rules of the Ain Ghazal village," Dr. Leonard says. But the fact that similar patterns were not found in other Neolithic villages in the area suggests to the dig co-directors that Ain Ghazal was a transitional phase of development between Neolithic villages to the south and west and those in the northern part of the Middle East.

Among the artifacts found so far, there are eight small clay animal figurines; eight beads made of limestone, cornelian, red coral, animal teeth, and what may be a green copper ore; a mother-of-pearl pendant; assorted stone tools, including spear points and projectiles for hunting, gravers and "burins" for working bone or wood into other implements, sickles and blades; bone tools such as "spatulas", awls, a possible needle, a "thimble" and an unfinished finger ring; lime and stone bowls and a section of a stone platter; and a 10 x 6 centimetre piece of a woven "mat" that seems to be made of spun animal or human hair, making it possibly the oldest evidence of spinning in the Middle East.

Dr. Rollefson concludes from the plant and animal material at Ain Ghazal that this was a society in transition between the nomadic hunters of the older stone ages and the settled farmers and animal domesticators of the later Chal-

colithic and Bronze Ages. The high percentage of spear points and projectiles found there suggests that hunting was still an important business at ancient Ain Ghazal, which would fit in with the site's hilly, wooded environment. Bone remains show that the animals that were hunted or domesticated at Ain Ghazal include gazelle, fox, jackal, sheep, goat, wild cattle, wild horse, fallow deer, pig and rodents. Two sheep ankle bones with unusual build-ups of calcium deposits may indicate tethering of the animals; if so, this could be the earliest example of animal tethering in the Middle East.

The presence of many sickle blades suggests the residents of Ain Ghazal harvested plants. Seeds recovered from the site include barley, peas and lentils that were certainly domesticated; and wheat, fig and possibly chick peas. Lentils and peas outnumber wheat and barley at Ain Ghazal—precisely the opposite of the agricultural pattern at Jericho, down in the Jordan Valley. This leads the archaeologists to speculate that Ain Ghazal and Jericho may have traded foodstuffs, while Ain Ghazal may also have traded with people from the north and the eastern desert.

The reliance on old hunting methods while also using animal domestication techniques and plant cultivation further suggests that Ain Ghazal represents a transitional phase of human development—a crossroads between the valley and the highlands, between the north and the south, between the desert and the coast.

There is no evidence yet of a city wall or other such defensive facilities, making it likely that the Ain Ghazal folks were a peaceful lot. Neither is there evidence of site abandonment for a long period of time, meaning the reason for the demise of Ain Ghazal is all the more mysterious.

The archaeologists working the site are unable to estimate the precise size of the population of the ancient village of Ain Ghazal. Dr. Rollefson assumes the size of the site would have supported a permanent village population of at least 1,000 people living in a mixed hunting-agricultural economy.

More detailed examination of the large numbers of stone tools gathered from the site has started Dr. Rollefson thinking that the ancient Ain Ghazal culture may have existed simultaneously with somewhat different cultures living in the eastern deserts of Jordan—though in the Neolithic period the eastern half of Jordan was probably more wet than it is today.

An examination of how the Ain Ghazal stone tools were manufactured, coupled with comparisons with similar tools gathered from stone age sites in the desert (Kharanah, Azraq and Amra, among others), reveals a



A 9,000-year-old stone bowl sees the light of day once again during excavations at Ain Ghazal earlier this year

area of the northeastern desert.

### City vs. desert?

One intriguing theory that Dr. Rollefson and his colleagues want to investigate further is whether this indicates a differentiation between city/desert cultures in ancient times. Another bit of evidence to be assessed is the fact that 40 per cent of the stone tools at Ain Ghazal were burins, a pointed stone tool with a narrow transverse edge used to engrave bone, antler, ivory and probably wood as well, while up to 95 per cent of the tools at some desert sites were burins.

"Either the tools are not of the same age," Dr. Rollefson says, "or we are dealing here with two distinct cultural groups that lived relatively near each other but did not interact with one another."

The evidence is not in itself wholly conclusive, Dr. Rollefson warns, pointing out, for example, that some delicate stone "burins" have been found in the panhandle

Department of Antiquities, Isha Kohler, Dr. David McCreey, Scott Ralston, Susan Balderstone, Ted Banning and Brian Byrd.

Dr. Adnan Hadidi, director of the Department of Antiquities, believes that Ain Ghazal could rank in importance with Jericho in terms of shedding light on early village life in this part of the world.

"It's site of great importance, both for the archaeological wealth that it may provide and for its potential as a touristic site giving people insights into life in the prehistoric period," Dr. Hadidi told the Jordan Times recently. The site has been fenced off for protection and all construction work in the immediate vicinity has been indefinitely halted, to give the archaeologists the opportunity to investigate the site in more depth.



Dr. Gary Rollefson (left) and Dr. Albert Leonard point out plastered floor from ancient Ain Ghazal village, which can be seen running horizontally just above Dr. Rollefson's outstretched hand

## TV & RADIO

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## Baroness Young arrives in Jordan today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Baroness Young of the United Kingdom will visit Jordan as a guest of Minister of Social Development Am Mufti, from Sept. 19 to 24.

Baroness Young is Lord Privy Seal, a title used for a cabinet minister without portfolio. She is Leader of the House of Lords responsible for the government business in the Upper House. She is also minister in charge of the Management and Personnel Office.

During her visit she will call on prime minister and the president of National Consultative Council. She will see the Princess of Community College, a comprehensive school and the University of Jordan. She will be the first woman to hold this post, leader of the House of Lords and minister in charge of the Civil Service Department in September 1981, being created a privy counsellor at the same time.

Following a re-organisation of central government departments in November 1981, she was appointed minister in charge of the management and personnel Office. In April 1982 she was appointed Baroness in Waiting.

To complete her time in Jordan, Baroness Young will visit Petra, Amman and Jerash.

Baroness Young, who was created a Life Peer in 1971, was appointed a Baroness in Waiting



Baroness Young

(Government Whip in the House of Lords) in 1972. She was parliamentary under-secretary of state at the Department of Environment from 1973 to 1974. She was a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party Organisation from 1975 to 1977 and deputy chairman from 1977 to 1979.

She was appointed minister of state in the Department of Education and Science following the return to office of the Conservatives after the election of May 1979.

Her ministerial responsibilities included all matters relating to schools, local government finance, and teacher employment. She was elected a councillor in 1957 and in 1967 became an Alderman and Leader of the Conservative group on the council. During that time she was chairman of a number of committees including the Central Area Re-development Committee, and the Planning and Education Committee.

In addition she has been a director of the United Kingdom Provost Institution and also a member of the British Railways Advisory Board for the western region. She is an honorary fellow of the Institution of Municipal Engineers.

## Alia appoints new Fleet Captains

AMMAN (J.T.) — Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, Flight Operations Department has announced the following new appointments, effective Sept. 11.

Captain Luai Hijjawi is now Director Standards, having been with Alia for seven years and flying B 707s.

Captain Awni Alaeedine has become Director Training after seven years of service and experience on the B 707 as well as acting as B 727 Fleet Captain.

Captain Zeid Toukan is new L1011 Fleet Captain. He has flown with Alia for 12 years in the Caravelle and TriStar, and was previously B 707 Fleet Captain.

Captain Faris Sayyed, after more than 15 years with Alia, has become B 747 Fleet Captain.

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AMMAN (Petra) — A joint team from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) has completed the task of assessing a pilot project for developing pasture lands and the production of fodder in Jordan, a spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said here Saturday.

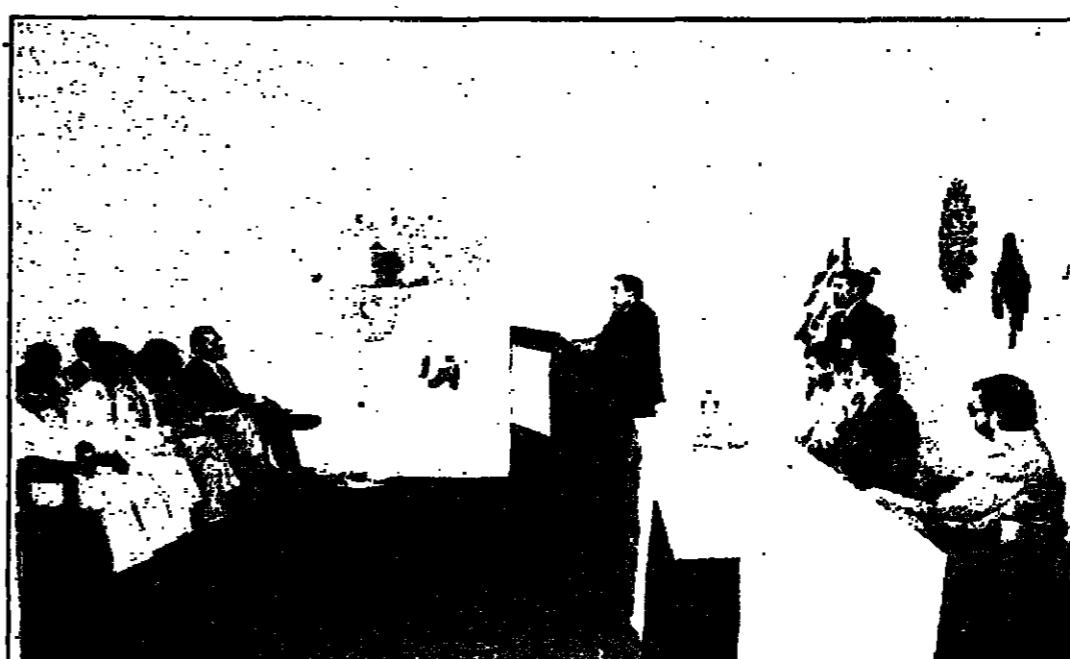
The team, which spent three weeks in the country, had visited a number of pasture lands and met with local agricultural officials to discuss the progress of the projects in their regions.

The project of developing pasture lands in Jordan was initiated by the ministry of agriculture and the Jordan Cooperative Organisation two years ago. It entails allotting cooperative organisations larger areas of pasture land which will be used by farmers and livestock breeders.

The team members expressed satisfaction with the progress of work on the project and said they will recommend that WFP aid be given to Jordan with the purpose of implementing another project on a larger scale.

Another speaker at the opening session was the Ministry of Education's director of education Izzat Jaradat who pointed out the right to education and learning for all citizens regardless of their age and sect. He said adults can acquire education through evening classes, home study and education programmes set for adults in various governorates. Dr. Jaradat also referred to the ministry of education's efforts towards eradicating illiteracy.

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Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal, addresses delegates to the adult education meeting held on Saturday (Petra photo)

## Meeting on adult education opens in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — A regional advisory meeting on adult education and the eradication of illiteracy in Arab countries opened in Amman Saturday.

Addressing the delegates from eight Arab countries and several regional organisations, Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal underlined the importance of the topics which the leading educationalists will be discussing in their five-day meeting. The meeting in itself is a manifestation of joint Arab action, solidarity and the concerning of efforts to eradicate illiteracy in the Arab world, the minister said. He expressed hope that the delegations will arrive at constructive solutions to many problems and will issue the best recommendations that can apply in the field of adult education.

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and the best means of offering education to all sectors of the population.

The delegates will be discussing several working papers on adult education and the eradication of illiteracy and regional and international cooperation in this respect.

The meeting, organised in cooperation with UNESCO is attended by delegates from North and South Yemen, Oman, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Saudi Arabia and Jordan in addition to the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Arab Labour Organisation, UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees), the Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences, the Arab Organisation for the eradication of illiteracy and UNESCO.

AMMAN (Petra) — Two newly appointed ambassadors to Jordan Saturday called on Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem and handed him a copy of their credentials.

Mr. Ihsan Rashid, ambassador of Pakistan and Mr. Abdullah Mohammad Ali Al Shurafa from the United Arab Emirates also held separate talks with Mr. Qasem on their countries' relations with Jordan.

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## Opportunity knocks

THE FLURRY of statements from assorted American officials about the Israeli occupation of all of Beirut, coupled with the affirmative American vote on the Security Council resolution condemning the Israeli move, remind us yet again of the enormous, glaring gap between American words and American deeds. Coming as it does so soon after the refreshing American words in United States President Ronald Reagan's speech on the new American initiative in the Arab-Israeli conflict, this situation is going to be viewed by the Arab World as yet another test of the seriousness of the Americans. There have been many similar opportunities in the past for the American government to indicate the extent of its seriousness in dealing with Israel and Israel's territorial ambitions against neighbouring Arab states.

The American delegate at the Security Council said after the vote: "We measure our words carefully," meaning that when the United States does vote for censuring Israel, it means what it says. That may well be the case, but we have yet to see any proof for it.

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### Al Ra'i: The United States is not doing enough

It is not sufficient that the U.S. calls for an Israeli pull-out from west Beirut only to meet a negative response. Nor is it of any value to send a U.S. envoy, Morris Draper, to Tel Aviv and Beirut. Israeli forces are still there killing and arresting thousands of people, destroying all that comes in their way.

American anger, expressed against a background of so many vetoes in the U.N. Security Council, demanding halts to Israeli aggressions cannot be more than a farce.

The Israeli thrust into west Beirut is simply an open invitation to extremist trends in the region and a hard blow to moderation and optimism towards the American role in the Middle East.

To incite extremism in the region will only mean jeopardising all peace efforts, and a multiplicity of unwelcome aspects that should not be belittled in the assessment of American attitudes.

The U.S. administration must take the situation

### Al Dustour: Washington seems to accept the Israeli version

Reports from New York indicate a U.S. firm stand against the inclusion of any denunciation of the Israeli thrust into west Beirut.

The U.S. administration seems to find no fault in the invasion of other people's territories. Such an act seems to be of less importance than others demanding political and economic boycotts and world-wide public opinion campaigns, something which is characteristic of the Reagan administration's foreign policy.

The principles of freedom, justice and democracy cannot be exclusively applied. The right to self-determination and national sovereignty are common concepts applicable to all those inhabiting the four corners of our globe. Aggressive acts and the invasion of other people's territories are never tolerate whatever justifications are given.

The American present attitude following the

agreement reached by Philip Habib in Lebanon is regrettable. Lebanese sovereignty has been an American concern. When it is about to be restored, Israel stormed the very heart of Lebanon's sovereignty with a massive assault much more barbaric than the ones Washington denounced, condemned and tried to mobilise the world public opinion against.

American schizophrenic political behaviour only increases suspicions in American reliability as a superpower in the world arena.

After the Israeli thrust into an Arab capital, the Arabs are called upon to face the new realities. Washington has proved incapable of controlling Israel's thirst for blood. The Israeli belief that its military superiority safeguards American interests, and should be constantly guaranteed, seems to receive complete American understanding.

# Confusion in Lebanon over future

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Lebanon's southern capital has seen new slogans, new attitudes and a general confusion about who is meant to be in charge following the Israeli invasion three months ago.

The cedar tree, emblem of the right-wing Falangist party and of Lebanese nationalism, has taken the place of revolutionary pan-Arabist slogans in the streets of Sidon, formerly the headquarters of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) southern command.

The Israeli tourists and soldiers driving through the town probably do not recognise the local hospital of the Palestine Red Crescent Organisation. The name has been painted over in white.

At checkpoints along the main coast road, gunmen of the local leftist party have been replaced by the Israeli-backed border militias of major Saad Haddad.

Shopkeepers who once served soft drinks and sandwiches now sell

Israeli biscuits, chocolates and vegetables bought from Israeli wholesalers on Lebanon's southern border.

The town's Palestinian civilians, previously a protected minority, say the winds of change have brought hostility towards them and occasional persecution.

"The tables have turned completely ... The outs are in and the ins are out," said Nazih Mustafa, a local journalist.

"We're dealing with a totally new reality and we have to face the fact," said Mustafa Saad, political boss of the port's majority Sunni Muslims and until June the PLO's main ally in Sidon.

In neighbouring Christian villages Falangist party offices are opening for the first time in eight years while Mr. Saad's Popular Nasrati Organisation (PNO) has in effect frozen its activities until the Israeli leave.

But the two civil war enemies are in closer touch than ever before and, until his assassination

last week, had found common ground in the late President-elect Bashir Gemayel's call for law and order and reassertion of Lebanese sovereignty through the withdrawal of all foreign forces.

"We are trying to help the forces of legitimacy," said Mr. Saad, whose father Maurof was shot dead in 1975 when the army tried to break up a demonstration he was leading.

"Yes to the Lebanese army" is the most common slogan on the walls of Sidon and the townspeople complain of what they say is a virtual state of lawlessness in the area.

### Who is in charge?

"No one knows who's meant to be in charge, the Israelis, the Falangists, Saad Haddad's men or the Lebanese police," one shopkeeper said.

Security sources said eight people disappeared mysteriously this month, three after knocks on the door at night and five while travel-

ling on the coast road.

The body of one, a Lebanese suspected of links with radical Palestinian groups, turned up in east Beirut with meat skewers thrust in his legs. The medical report said he died of strangulation.

A bomb injured four people in a doctor's clinic and police sources said they suspected it was the Israeli army in revenge for the doctor's alleged collaboration with the Israeli occupying force.

Relief workers said no one, intervened when Christian villagers set fire to the huts of Palestinian refugees at a camp outside Sidon last month.

Another local complaint is the delay in releasing detainees seized by the Israelis during their search for Lebanese who fought alongside the Palestinians.

The Israeli took some 3,000 young Lebanese to their prison camp in the southern village of Ansar and have since released only small numbers. Israeli troops

in Sidon three weeks ago dispersed a demonstration by women calling for the release of their relatives.

In the whole of the Israeli-occupied area of 2,800 square km, the war had left 130,000 people displaced by mid-August, though the number is falling steadily, Red Cross officials said.

According to the Beirut newspaper An-Nahar, over 1,300 people died in the Sidon area during the Israeli advance, many of them in the devastated Palestinian refugee camp at nearby Al-Hilweh.

Rafiq Al Hariri, a wealthy Sidon-born businessman based in Jeddah and Paris, is pouring millions of dollars into the town's revival. His foundation provides relief food, medicine and basic shelter and sends bulldozers to clear away the debris of war.

Halim Fayad, governor of the south, said war damage to the town would cost \$260 million to repair.

He is scheduled to have his first meeting with veteran Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the United Nations.

Mr. Shultz has been methodically studying East-West relations and recently had a long Saturday discussion with experts on U.S.-Soviet affairs and defence matters.

In his testimony to Congress, he avoided Haig-style rhetoric when asked about U.S. policy towards Moscow. The United States, he said, had to be realistic in observing Soviet capacity, intentions and military development and be ready to voice disapproval of actions it did not like.

He added: "If reasonable patterns can emerge from this kind of process, we should be ready for a reasonable and constructive relationship with the Soviet Union, always being realistic, however, in saying to ourselves that they have a very different system from ours."

# Shultz walks on a tight strategy rope

By William Scally  
Reuter

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz is meeting his quiet personal style with a low-key diplomatic strategy as he promotes President Reagan's Middle East peace plan.

In his first official speech last week and in other public appearances, Mr. Shultz has made it clear that in following up its Middle East proposals the administration plans to bide its time, work diligently to build broad support and turn the other cheek to an enraged Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

It is a strategy that is as much in the time with Mr. Shultz's personality as his conservative grey suits.

In his speech to American Jews in New York and in testimony before Congress, he met Mr. Begin's wrath with mild-

mannered reasonableness, stressed repeatedly the opportunities and lure of peace and expressed careful optimism for the future.

He has talked of his knowledge of labour-management negotiations—he was formerly secretary of labour—and defended the decision to go public with peace proposals.

His stolid demeanour and refusal to be rattled contrasted sharply with the dramatic and often combative delivery of his predecessor, Alexander Haig.

The Shultz style at the State Department is reported to have been welcomed at the White House where President Reagan and his staff were often involved in quarrels with Mr. Haig.

Since he took office in July, there has been an abrupt halt to press reports of conflicts between the State Department and the White House and Defence Department, complete with scores

on who "won" or "lost".

There was no hint of a row even when Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger went on a mission to the Middle East and discussed Mr. Reagan's September 1 speech that set fourth proposals for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank in association with Jordan.

A new U.S. move in the Middle East had been presaged at Mr. Shultz's July confirmation hearing when he called for the urgent resolution of the Palestinians' "legitimate needs."

He afterwards plunged into a study of the conflict, consulting with experts, members of Congress and others before taking a leading role in drafting the U.S. plan.

### In the back seat

Further, Mr. Haig would undoubtedly have been less comfortable taking the back seat that Mr. Shultz occupied as Mr. Shultz's qualities will be fully tested late this month when

Reagan unveiled his plan on national television.

Mr. Shultz in fact has gone out of his way to emphasise the president's role in formulating the plan.

One senator told him that as he watched Mr. Reagan speak he thought "Shultz, Shultz, Shultz." Mr. Shultz replied drily: "My reaction was Reagan, Reagan, Reagan."

In another foreign policy area, that of U.S. sanctions against a Soviet-Western Europe gas pipeline, Mr. Shultz is known to have differences with his chief.

But even here he is reported to have urged against fighting Mr. Reagan's decision to ban the use of U.S.-designed equipment for the project. Instead, according to press accounts, he worked quietly to try to defuse the crisis between the United States and its European allies.

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# Far East tour presents major challenge to Thatcher's diplomatic career

By Barry May  
Reuter

LONDON — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, buoyed by popularity at home, faces prickly problems at every stop on her tour of the Far East that started last week.

Her 13-day tour covers Japan, China, and Hong Kong with a brief stopover in New Delhi during the return flight.

At every stop, her aides say, Mrs. Thatcher will discuss international political developments with special reference to Asian questions, including relations with the Soviet Union. More particular and pressing topics are demanding her attention, however.

In Tokyo, trade questions and a heavy imbalance in Japan's favour will dominate her discussions with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki.

In Peking and Hong Kong, the central question is the future of

Britain's last colony in Asia — an affluent capitalist toehold on the doorstep of China that is the antithesis of Communism but at the same time an important point of contact between East and West.

Mrs. Thatcher, who last visited Tokyo for the June 1979 economic summit shortly after she took office, will be in Japan as guest of the government from September 17 to 22.

Relations between the two countries are not easy. Political relationships have been overshadowed by the irritant of Japan's growing trade surplus now amounting to about \$2 billion a year, which has led to political and commercial pressure for more foreign access to Japanese markets.

It is a problem faced by all 10 countries of the European Community. They want Japan to open up its domestic market and cut back what they see as excessive exports to overseas markets.

Britain has been hoping for a breakthrough in the economic relationship by way of a big car plant that Nissan, Japan's second largest and the world's fourth largest car-maker, has been considering for this country for more than five years.

The British government has set aside more than 100 million sterling (\$175 million) to provide grants for the 500 million sterling (\$875 million) plant, which would provide 5,000 jobs and produce 200,000 cars a year by 1986.

But just when a commitment seemed near this summer Nissan hesitated and said it had postponed its decision because of the uncertain outlook for the world economy.

Japanese businessmen are also worried about industrial relations and the power of the trade unions in Britain.

Only two weeks ago Nissan said

it was sending a team to Britain to study the climate of industrial relations.

It said it had the impression that British workers were beginning to take the offensive again and were getting more inflexible.

On another level, Japan's action during the Falklands conflict has not been forgotten.

**Japan to be reminded**

Mrs. Thatcher, who considers Britain's handling of the conflict to have been a supreme personal triumph and the high point of her administration, complained to Prime Minister Suzuki at the time that Japan did not ban Argentine imports in line with Britain's other allies and also forced a British veto in the United Nations by voting for a ceasefire.

A source close to the British prime minister said after the Japanese vote: "It rankles". It

would not be forgotten and Japan will be reminded when the time came, the source said.

After Japan, Mrs. Thatcher goes to Peking as the first serving British prime Minister to visit China.

During her four-day stay she will confer with Premier Zhao Ziyang and other Chinese leaders and also visit Shanghai before going on to Hong Kong.

Pressure has been building on both the British and Chinese governments to determine the status of Hong Kong when Britain's 99-year lease on the new territories, the largest part of the colony, expires on June 30, 1997.

Although Hong Kong's day of decision is still 15 years away, the pressure built to a head this summer when two land deals at the United Nations by voting for a ceasefire.

The Hong Kong stock exchange shuddered and the Hong Kong dollar dived.

Once a barren rock, Hong Kong is now a fertile world financial centre, a thriving free port and the richest of Britain's remaining colonial outposts.

But its Communist rulers consider the colony Chinese territory under temporary foreign administration.

The worry nagging Hong Kong businessmen is that China will take over the new territories in 1997, a possibility likely to deter investment and drive capital to seek a more secure haven.

The new territories containing Hong Kong's airport, container ports, power plant, and much of its textiles, clothing and electronics industry are a vital life-line for the original colony of Hong Kong island and the Kowloon peninsula, now swollen to a modern city-state of five million people.

Mrs. Thatcher's brief stop in New Delhi for breakfast with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi while the British leader's plane is being refuelled at the airport is a last-minute addition to her schedule.

Relations between the two women have been reported to be touchy because of such contentious issues as Afghanistan, U.S. military aid to Pakistan and Indian cooperation with Soviet Union.



## JORDAN

# Czech Catholic priests are under two-way pressure

By Colin McIntyre

Reuter

**PRAGUE** — Czechoslovakia's Catholic priests are under pressure to choose between their duties to the church and to the state as the two are locked in a major trial of strength.

Relations between the two, among the worst in the East bloc since the worst in the East bloc, since thousands of Catholics were jailed in the Stalinist 1950s, flared again after a decree by Pope John Paul in March banned priests from identifying with political goals.

Though it was not spelled out, the decree was interpreted as referring to the Czechoslovak pro-government Catholic organisation Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth), which has not been recognised by the Vatican.

According to Czechoslovak officials, about half of the 3,000

odd Catholic priests in this country are members of the organisation, which came into being after the 1968 Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia. Western diplomats believe the figure is more or less accurate.

The Pope followed up his decree by calling on the Czechoslovak Episcopate in May to preserve its right to pick staff and students for the country's two remaining Catholic theological colleges.

This followed moves by the government to put Pacem in Terris members into key positions in the church administration, press and education system.

Czechoslovakia's 83-year-old Cardinal Frantisek Tomasek, archbishop of Prague, then wrote to all his clergy asking them not to join Pacem in Terris, or to pull out if they had already joined it.

He concluded his letter with the traditional Latin words: "The

debate is over — Rome has spoken."

According to Western press reports, a number of priests headed the archbishop's call and left the organisation, though there was no confirmation of this from either church or government sources.

But Czechoslovak sources said many priests felt they had to cooperate with state to function at a minimum level, since the government can withdraw licences to preach and financial subsidies, without which many communities would be insolvent.

Bishops in strongly Catholic Slovakia have been warned that all priests aged over 60 will be forced to retire if the church maintains its ban on political involvement by clerics, the Austrian Catholic news agency Kathpress reported.

This would result in the collapse of religious services in many areas,

the agency said.

While the Catholic church appears determined to enforce its ban, the state seems equally determined to maintain and expand its control of church affairs through Pacem in Terris.

The organisation sent a respectfully-worded letter to Czechoslovakia's five Catholic bishops urging them to ignore the Papal ban, which it said was based on false information about the group's aims.

An overwhelming majority of Catholic clerics whom we have consulted are unambiguously convinced this declaration cannot be applied to a movement having an expressly peaceful character," it said.

According to Kathpress the leadership of Pacem in Terris met in Prague in July and declared its determination to carry on working "for the good of the church and state."

issues had not been issued to churchmen helping the Polish independent union Solidarity.

"Is it not the case that the Vatican allows to exist only priests' organisations which attack socialism directly or indirectly and bans all institutions of priests which support peace and social progress?" he wrote.

Dr. Hruza rejected Western press reports that Czechoslovakia was blocking further talks with the Vatican on questions such as filling eight vacant bishoprics, restrictions on training new priests and inadequate religious education.

The last round of the talks, begun in 1964, took place in Rome in December 1980.

He called for end to the "cold-war" practice of appointing "secret bishops" in Czechoslovakia, saying this would have a beneficial effect on mutual relations. Dr. Hruza recently told a Western correspondent that at

least four bishops had been appointed secretly by the Pope.

Vatican sources have said the church prefers at present to leave the eight sees vacant rather than appoint state-nominated bishops belonging to Pacem in Terris.

The Prague government thought by some diplomats to be on its side, and that when Cardinal Tomasek goes, his successor, without the archbishop's immense experience and prestige, should be easier to deal with.

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# SPORTS

## Man United breaks clear on top of Division One

LONDON (R) — Big spenders Manchester United moved out in front in the English soccer first division when they beat luckless Southampton 1-0 Saturday.

First division newcomers Watford and Manchester City, bracketed with United on 12 points before Saturday's League programme, both slumped to defeat to let their rivals break clear.

But defending champions Liverpool stayed ever-threatening at United's shoulder with a 3-0 win away to Swansea to remain one point behind the Manchester club who last won the title in 1967.

Liverpool's Welsh international Ian Rush, obviously at home in the principality, scored twice in the first half and South African-born

Craig Johnston added a third six minutes from time.

Veteran Scottish international Lou Macari, coming on as substitute after the interval for injured England World Cup man Steve Coppell, netted Manchester United's 54th minute winner.

Manchester City succumbed 1-0 at home to revitalised European Cup holders Aston Villa whose first away goal of the season was scored by winger Gary Shaw.

Ipswich, the 1981 UEFA Cup winners, sank to the bottom of the first division after a 3-2 beating by Stoke whose win lifted them to equal third place with Watford and Manchester City, three points adrift of United.

Watford's week of glory at the top of the first division was ended abruptly by Nottingham Forest who won the League title in 1978. The season Watford topped the fourth division at the start of their meteoric rise.

Colin Walsh opened Forest's tally in the 28th minute and England international Garry Birtles made it 2-0 in the 68th with his first goal since his return to Nottingham from Manchester United this season.

Southampton, whose leaky defence has plunged them to near bottom of the first division, missed a first half penalty when England 1966 World Cup hero Alan Ball blotted wide from the spot.

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Ipswich, whose fortunes have faded since manager Bobby Rob-

son left them to take over the England squad, were two goals down inside 20 minutes, conceding goals by Welsh international Mickey Thomas and Paul Maguire.

Scottish World Cup duo Alan Brazil and John Wark hauled Ipswich back on terms inside the first half, but Maguire netted Stoke's winner from the penalty spot two minutes after the interval when Dutch midfielder Frans Thysen tripped Paul Bracewell.

Luton, last season's second division champions, again looked an embellishment to the first division as they trounced Brighton 5-0, hammering in four goals in the second half.

Ex-England player John Hollins added a second from the penalty spot in the final minute.

Turner and David Moss added the others goals which proved the club's fine 3-3 draw at Liverpool last Saturday was no fluke.

England boss Robson, who took Ipswich to within a whisker of the first division title last year, watched some of his England hopefuls playing in Arsenal's 2-0 win over Notts County.

He saw World Cup midfielder Graham Rix score a superb goal after 21 minutes, intercepting the ball at the halfway line, beating two defenders and unleashing a right-foot shot from the edge of the box.

South African-born Brian Stein fired a hat-trick and Wayne

## Sakorafa's javelin throwing outshines other events at Crystal Palace

LONDON (R) — Sofia Sakorafa of Greece surpassed her bronze medal performance in the women's javelin at last week's European Athletics Championships in Athens by producing the third best throw of all time to win the event at an international meeting at Crystal Palace Friday night.

But Hans-Peter Ferner of West Germany could not reproduce the form he showed in his stunning 800 metres victory in Athens over Sebastian Coe of Britain when he was beaten over 1,000 metres by Britain's Steve Cram, the European 1,500 metres champion.

Several outstanding performances highlighted the last major meeting in Britain this year, but Sakorafa's throw of 71.52 metres in the javelin outshone them all.

It outstripped compatriot Anna Verouli's winning 70.02 in Athens

and put her third on the all-time list behind Finland's world record holder Tuula Lillak and Antoaneta Todorova of Bulgaria. Lillak was third with a modest best of 60.36.

Ferner, 26, scored the biggest upset of the European Championships by beating Coe, but Cram decisively dealt with him Friday night.

Both men first entered the 800 metres but Cram switched to the 1,000 earlier this week, reportedly to avoid Ferner. Then the West German shifted to the same event this afternoon.

"I would have switched back but I decided that if I ran badly and lost I would rather let it be to the European 800 metres champion", Cram said.

In fact, he was never threatened, taking a handsome lead with 400 metres to go and holding it easily to win by three seconds in two minutes 15.12 sec-

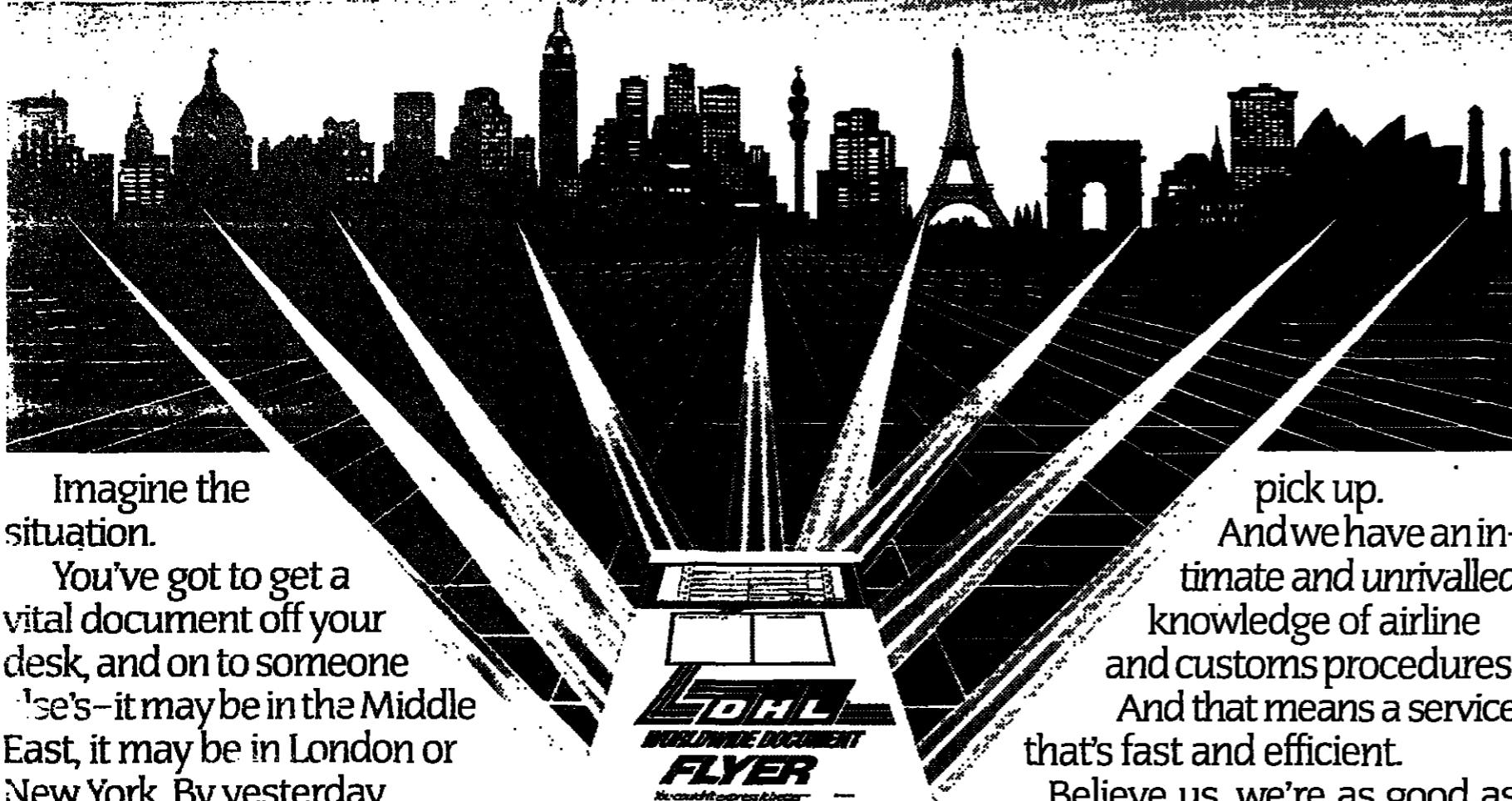
onds. Ferner was second.

Rob Druppers of the Netherlands enhanced his growing stature by winning the 800 metres in a fine 1:44.52, while American Mel Lattany took the men's 100 metres in 10.24 seconds before being edged out by compatriot James Butler in the 200.

Marica Puica of Romania followed her world record mile run in Italy Thursday night by winning over 2,000 metres Friday night, though she needed a final sprint to do so.

And, with the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane just two weeks away, there were Commonwealth records for two British runners, Mark Holtom clocking 13.66 in the 110 metres hurdles and Kathy Smallwood recording a time of 50.46 in the 400 metres. However, Smallwood has not been picked for that event in Brisbane.

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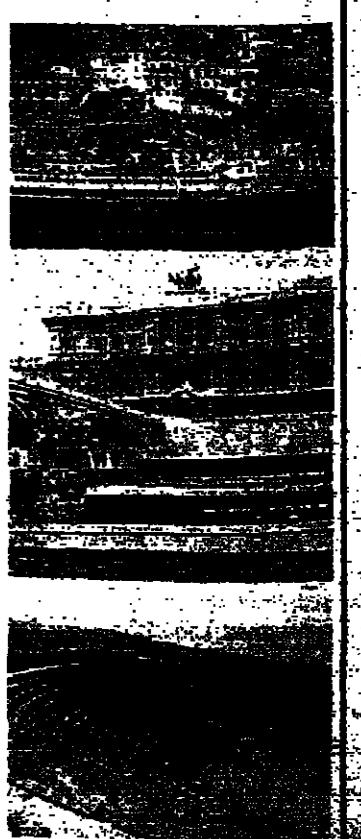
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# Major disruption appear certain on 'day of action' in Britain

LONDON (R) — At committees, councils and branches throughout the country, Britain's 11 million trade union members are deciding whether to work, go on strike or demonstrate next Wednesday in a bitter dispute over pay for hospital workers.

Some unions are militant and some hesitant, but it appears certain there will be substantial if erratic disruption of the nation's normal life.

Railways are expected to run. Air traffic, and ferries and some buses will probably halt for part of the day.

Few if any newspapers are likely to publish. The commercial television network will probably broadcast. The state-run British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) may close in the peak evening hours. Most coal mines will close. But not all.

The health workers — cooks,

cleaners, drivers, porters, technicians and others — have been deadlocked for five months in their pay talks with the government.

In the trade union movement they are regarded as a chronically underpaid group who lose out in wages because they cannot call an all-out strike without risking the lives of patients.

They want a pay rise of 12 per cent, a little more than the amount by which prices rose during their last wage pact.

The government is offering most of them six per cent.

Both sides in the dispute have been fighting a battle for public opinion which, in union-government conflicts of the past, has often been the decisive factor.

Since the jobs of cooks and cleaners are unglamorous, a good deal of attention has fallen

## Arab council, FAO sign cooperation memorandum

ROME (J.T.) — Mr. Edouard Saouma, director general of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and Dr. Fakhri Kaddori, secretary general of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU). Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding to promote closer cooperation between the two organisations.

The memorandum of understanding signed at FAO headquarters, contains 10 articles relating to areas of common interest to both organisations.

These include strengthening cooperation in such areas as economic and technical feasibility studies for agricultural projects, strategies and policies for rural development, sectoral agricultural planning, criteria for the location of agricultural projects, agricultural coordination in Arab countries, evaluation of the agricultural performance of joint projects in the Arab region, and preparation of joint studies on agricultural aspects of economic cooperation.

## Hitachi to defend itself.

TOKYO (R) — Hitachi Limited, one of Japan's leading computer companies, said Friday it would defend itself vigorously against a civil suit brought by the American computer giant IBM and accused it of trying to stifle competition.

IBM (International Business Machines Corporation) filed a civil suit against Hitachi and National Semiconductor Corp., a U.S. company linked with the Japanese firm, charging them with stealing confidential IBM documents.

Hitachi said in a statement: "Hitachi will vigorously defend

itself and prove the groundlessness of the IBM charges."

"Hitachi believes the reported charges are completely unfounded and do no more than show very clearly the overt intention of IBM to stifle and eliminate its competition," the firm added.

Hitachi, Mitsubishi Electric Corp., and 18 Japanese businessmen are currently on trial in a U.S. district court charged with paying a total of \$648,000 to an undercover federal agent to steal advanced IBM computer design secrets.

## Turkey accuses EEC of violating agreement

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkey accused the European Community Friday of protectionist measures that violate their trading association, but officials refused to comment on press reports that Ankara had decided to cut back imports from the Community in retaliation.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen said in an address to a European management forum held in Istanbul that the Community had taken increasingly protective measures against Turkish exports, in some cases violating the association accord Turkey has with the Community.

Ankara and the Community have been at odds over Turkish textiles, and the Turks have reacted bitterly to restrictions on one of their few exports to Western Europe.

According to the newspaper

## Pan Am to cut staff

NEW YORK (R) — Pan American World Airways said that it was cutting its workforce by 15 per cent worldwide in a move expected to save up to \$300 million a year.

A statement said the company had decided to restructure its flight network concentrating on the most profitable routes making the cut about 4,500 jobs necessary.

It said the bulk of the cuts would take place over the final three months of the year and make operations more efficient, productive and profitable in 1983.

Pan Am has suffered huge losses, but reported encouraging news in the second quarter of this year when it announced it had trimmed losses to \$56.2 million, half the deficit in the same period last year.

Pan Am spokesman Merle Richman said most of the cutbacks would take place in the United States, but there would be some overseas. Asked which areas of the workforce would be affected most, he replied: "that has not been determined yet."

The job cuts would be achieved through layoffs, early retirements, leaves of absence and work sharing, he said.

## Plunging price of coconut oil adds serious trouble for the Philippines

MANILA (R) — The coconut industry, a pillar of the Philippine economy and the main source of livelihood for almost a third of the country's 50 million people, is in steep decline.

Shortly before he left for Washington where he is now on a state visit, President Ferdinand Marcos first lifted a controversial levy on coconut exports, a main foreign exchange earner, and then banned exports of raw copra — the dry meat of the coconut.

Both measures were prompted by a decline in the world price of coconut oil from a 1973 peak of \$2 U.S. cents to 18.5 cents a pound on August 27, when the levy was lifted.

With the parallel slump in demand for other primary products like sugar and copper the plunging price of coconut oil could spell serious trouble for a country already plagued by widespread poverty and consequent social and political unrest.

New uses for coconut oil and other products of what the Filipinos call the tree of life are now being sought. The latest plans are to power trucks with a mixture of three per cent coconut oil and 97 per cent diesel, and set up a coco-chemical plant to make a broad range of coconut based products. Marketing policies will also be radically reviewed.

The Philippines provides about 80 per cent of the world's coconut oil, which can be used to make soap, chemicals and a wide range of other products. But the general world recession and competition from similar vegetable oils, in particular soyabean and palm kernel, have forced coconut product prices down.

The crisis has hit some of the country's wealthiest political and industrial leaders with a stake in the industry, and millions of small coconut producers whose areas are prone to communist infiltration.

When prices slumped last year Mr. Marcos suspended the levy, first imposed in 1973 when prices were high. It was intended to be used for various schemes to support the industry such as replanting with higher-yielding hybrids, scholarships for farmers' children and insurance against crop damage.

But it was widely criticised as an additional burden on small-time farmers who could already barely make ends meet, and as prices continued to fall Mr. Marcos introduced a variable levy which moved only once, downwards, before it was suspended.

Official and industry sources say the reasons for suspension were more political than economic.

Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, chairman of the United Coconut Planters' Bank (UCPB) and the United Coconut Oil Mill (UNICOM), turned against his

pro-levy colleagues after learning that anti-government rebels were using the unpopularity of the levy to win over farmers to their side. He said the levy should be lifted.

"In this way, the critics, the subversive elements and all others who had reservations are deprived of their weapon in sowing confusion, disillusion and discontent among the citizenry, especially among the coconut farmers," he said.

Industry sources said that for the past two years opposition had grown among farmers to the levy which had netted more than eight billion pesos (\$930 million) since 1973.

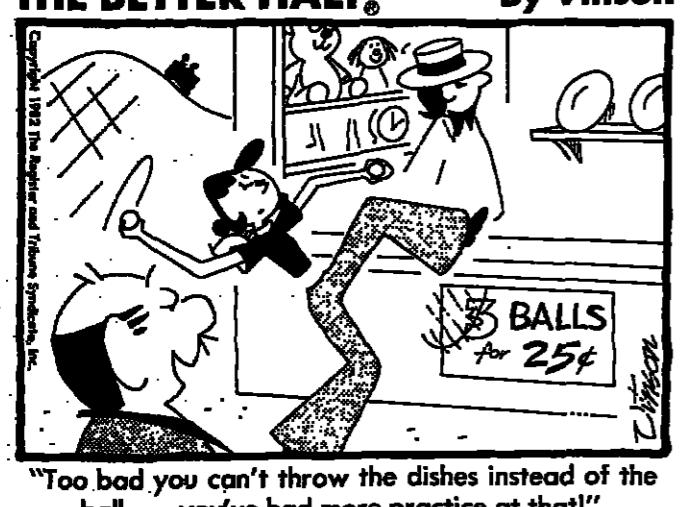
Critics said the money had been used to buy a bank and several oil mills to create a vertically-integrated trading, milling and banking conglomerate serving the interests of a few high-placed people.

## Victory claimed over 'Medfly'

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. government Friday claimed victory in its costly two-year war against the Mediterranean fruit fly which threatened California's multi-billion dollar fruit and vegetable crop.

The Agriculture Department said federal and state officials will hold a press conference on Tuesday at the headquarters of the "Medfly" eradication project in Los Gatos, California, to

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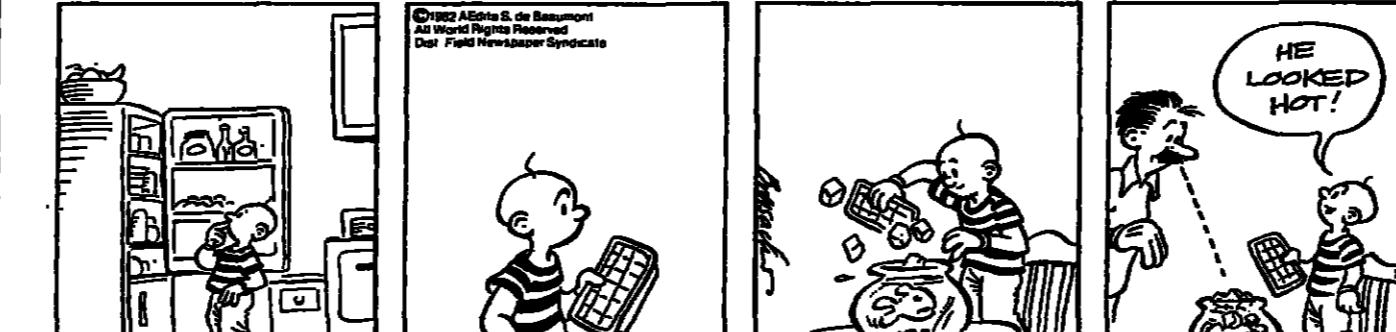
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## FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 19, 1982

### YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A day when you will be able to gain the goodwill of others by adopting a more cooperative attitude. Be sure to let family members know of your true devotion to them.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to meditate so your mind becomes free of trouble. Later discuss the future with close friends.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Engage in more cultural activities and gain excellent results. Strive for increased harmony with family members.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Taking part in light activities with congenials brings excellent results now. Your creativity is high at this time.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) You can make home life happier with those you love and enjoy. Control your temper at all times today.

**LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 21) Once you have kept promises you've made, visit congenials and exchange future plans. Don't neglect an important communication.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your assets and liabilities and know how to coordinate your efforts so that success is assured in the future.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Look over your surroundings and make plans for improvement. Take time to visit friends of long standing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A good day to study those things that have puzzled you in the past and come up with the right answers.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The right time is now to get together with good friends and discuss future plans. You need more social life.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can now make a good impression on others. Start by attending the services of your choice. Strive for real happiness.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be alert to new methods for expanding in the future. A new contact can be most helpful to you. Show your thanks.

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## THE Daily Crossword

By James Barrick

ACROSS	33 Bustling excitement	62 — Ben Adhem*	26 Shabby clothes
1 Food fish	34 Hacks	63 Saber's cousin	27 Bring out something latent
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14 Silvery prey	40 Kind of eclipse	68 Writer Wiesel	31 Certain contract
15 Bird	42 Valley	69 Punta del	32 Gourd of a kind
16 Small — (be leery)	43 Alarm	70 Turbine part	33 Relish
17 Auto part	45 Break off	71 College bigwig	34 Make due
20 — (trapping)	47 Child		41 Fipple flute
21 Wild goose	48 Put up		42 Repeat
22 Sailor's satchel	50 Official paper		43 Buzz and Roman Wood
23 Chicken chow —	52 Stylish		44 Cried like a cat
25 Simon or Sedaka	54 Repetition		45 Monte — County in Florida
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30 Kingdom	59 Valerie Harper role		47 Cumberland's state

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# WORLD

## Schmidt's opponents face problems despite pledge to oust chancellor

BONN (R) — West Germany's conservative opposition and the Free Democrats (FDP) who deserted Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Friday expect to forge an alliance soon to remove him from power, leaders of both parties said Saturday.

But FDP leader Hans-Dietrich Genscher, whose walkout ended 13 years of left-liberal rule in Bonn, faces deep divisions that could further weaken his small liberal party.

Christian Democratic (CDU) spokesman Eduard Ackermann said opposition leader Helmut Kohl would begin contacts on Monday with Mr. Genscher, until vice-chancellor and foreign minister, to form centre-right government.

Under the constitution, an absolute majority of the Bundestag

(lower house) would have to vote no confidence in Mr. Schmidt, now heading a minority Social Democratic (SPD) government, and at the same time elect an alternative chancellor.

The FDP national executive voted Friday night by only 18 to 15 to give Mr. Genscher a mandate to seek a centre-right coalition. One member abstained and three were absent.

CDU sources said the Christian Democrats and the FDP could introduce a non-confidence motion as early as Wednesday, enabling a vote to be taken on Friday.

The SPD began a nationwide leaflet campaign Saturday to back Mr. Schmidt's demand for an immediate general election.

**FDP man to resign**

FDP General Secretary

Guenther Verheugen, who succeeds Mr. Genscher's manoeuvres to end the left-liberal Bonn coalition, announced he would resign in the near future.

He told West German radio the planned alliance with the CDU would severely test the liberals' cohesion.

But FDP parliamentary leader Wolfgang Mischnick told the radio that a consensus with the CDU on economic policy would enable the rapid formation of a new coalition.

West German newspapers agreed Saturday that while the future belonged to the conservatives, Mr. Schmidt had dwarfed Mr. Kohl and Mr. Genscher in parliament Friday with a display of decisiveness and dignity.

Reminding the Free Democrats

that they had been elected in 1980 to support him, Mr. Schmidt said there must be elections as soon as possible to legitimise any change of government.

But Mr. Genscher said Saturday that an immediate election campaign would delay urgently-needed measures to revive the economy and combat unemployment, now running at 7.4 per cent of the workforce.

The FDP leader said his party would guarantee that a new government did not depart from West Germany's present foreign and security policy.

He described radical proposals for welfare cuts made last weekend by former Economics Minister Otto Lammendorff, which hastened the coalition's demise, as a realistic concept for a new majority.

## Hundreds pay last homage to Princess Grace

MONTE CARLO (R) — Monaco's royal family, visibly grief-stricken, led dignitaries, subjects and friends Saturday in paying their last respects to Princess Grace, the former Hollywood star who died on Tuesday after a car crash.

On a hot and hazy Riviera morning, the tiny principality's Roman Catholic archbishop celebrated a solemn requiem mass in the hilltop cathedral where 26 years ago the princess, then Grace

Kelly, abandoned stardom to marry the dashing Prince Rainier.

Among the 800-strong congregation were U.S. first lady Nancy Reagan, leading American mourners for the Philadelphia-born princess Diana, Princess of Wales, representing Britain's Queen Elizabeth, and Cary Grant, a friend from Hollywood days.

Nearest the coffin, which was draped in the red-and-white colours of the royal Grimaldi family, were Rainier, stooped and ashamed.

As he entered and left the church he had to lean on his children's arms and during the mass he sat slumped in his chair.

Princess Grace died on Tuesday evening in the Monaco hospital that carries her name. The previous day her car had careered off a switch-back mountain road near Monte Carlo and tumbled down hill into a garden.

Her youngest daughter, 17-year-old Princess Stephanie, was the only passenger and is recovering in hospital from a cracked vertebra.

Controversy still surrounds the cause of the accident. Doctors who treated the princess said she suffered a stroke at the wheel but the palace officially blamed a brake failure and declined comment.

The palace has also refused to comment on the doctors' statement that she died after Prince Rainier, 59, agreed her life support systems should be turned off as surgeons had given up hope.

This morning, the normally bustling tourist town was hushed, with traffic restricted and the famous casinos and luxury shops closed.

The plainclothes policemen fired about four shots in retaliation, but it was not clear whether he had hit the gunman.

One of his bullets smashed the windscreen of the car the man had sheltered behind, they said.

After the shooting, there were angry scenes outside the synagogue, the eyewitnesses said.

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## Marcos defends his record in U.S.

WASHINGTON (R) — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos has dismissed charges that his government violated human rights and said it was ridiculous to describe him as authoritarian.

Mr. Marcos defended his rule over the last 17 years in an appearance before the House of Representatives foreign affairs committee on Friday, the second day of a state visit to the United States.

He met President Reagan Thursday, and Mr. Reagan told reporters afterwards that the Marcos government had made great progress on human rights. A U.S. official said the subject had not been discussed at their White

House meeting.

Told by a congressman Friday that Amnesty International was bringing out a new report on alleged abuses in the Philippines, Mr. Marcos said the London-based human rights group "is not exactly the most accurate judge."

Mr. Marcos, who scoffed at the charges, said he had imposed martial law in 1972 only after the legislature asked him to do so and that it had been used to bring about political and social reforms. Mr. Marcos lifted martial law in January 1981.

Mr. Marcos' visit is largely a goodwill mission following a period of cool relations, especially during the Carter administration

## Security Council raps Israel for latest thrust

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Following is the text of a resolution adopted unanimously by the Security Council condemning Israel's incursions into Beirut and demanding an immediate pull-back:

"The security council, having considered the report of the secretary general of Sept. 15 1982... condemning the murder of Bashir Gemayel, Lebanon's constitutionally selected president-elect, and every effort to disrupt by violence the restoration of a strong, stable government in Lebanon, having listened to the statement by the permanent representative of Lebanon, taking note of Lebanon's determination to ensure the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces from Lebanon,

1. Reaffirms its resolutions 508 (1982), 509 (1982) and 516 (1982) in all their components:

2. Condemns the recent Israeli incursions into Beirut in violation of the cease-fire agreements and of Security Council resolutions:

3. Demands an immediate return to the positions occupied by Israel before Sept. 15, 1982, as a first step towards the full implementation of Security Council resolutions:

4. Calls again for the strict respect for Lebanon's sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity and political independence under the sole and exclusive authority of the Lebanese government through the Lebanese army throughout Lebanon:

5. Reaffirms its resolutions 512 (1982) and 513 (1982) which call for respect for the rights of the civilian populations without any discrimination and repudiates all acts of violence against those populations:

6. Supports the efforts of the secretary general to implement Security Council resolution 516 (1982) concerning the deployment of United Nations observers to monitor the situation in and around Beirut and requests all the parties concerned to cooperate fully in the application of that resolution:

7. Decides to remain seized of the question and asks the secretary general to keep the council informed on developments as soon as possible and not later than twenty-four hours."

## Warsaw, church ties deteriorate

WARSAW (R) — Relations between Poland's Roman Catholic Church and the Communist state have taken a turn for the worse after an outspoken church statement blaming the authorities for violence and accusing them of doing nothing to end the country's political stalemate.

The church delivered its most direct indictment of the country's rulers since the imposition of martial law as supporters of the suspended Solidarity trade union staged protests to mark the 43rd anniversary of the Soviet Union's takeover of eastern Poland.

Solidarity leaflets were shown on Warsaw's Marszałkowska Street, the city's main thoroughfare, and distributed in other cities and hundreds of people gathered for a pro-Solidarity religious service at Warsaw's military cemetery.

The church's statement Friday, delivered after the first full conference of Polish bishops for three months, concentrated on the violence that occurred when the authorities crushed street demonstrations in support of Solidarity.

Four people were shot and killed by riot police in southwest Poland, one died in Gdańsk and dozens of people were injured in the most serious clashes, on Aug. 31.

The bishops, who have played a mediating role between the authorities and their opponents, said they could not remain indifferent to persecution and would stand in defence of "all those who were beaten, injured or morally harmed during the latest incidents."

The statement will have angered Poland's military leaders who dismiss the Solidarity leadership as extremists and have been showing increasing impatience with what they consider the church's reluctance to cooperate in seeking national reconciliation.

## Hess' family campaigns for his release

WEST BERLIN (R) — The family of former Nazi leader Rudolf Hess has appealed to his British, French, American and Soviet jailors in west Berlin for his release as soon as possible on humanitarian grounds.

Hess, 88, the last remaining prisoner in the massive Spandau war crimes prison, was removed two days ago to the British military hospital in west Berlin after developing pleurisy.

A press statement issued Saturday by his son, Stuttgart architect Wolf-Ruediger Hess, said the family had grave grounds for concern about his father's health and had called on the West German government to support the plea for his release.

Previous attempts to have Hess released have foundered on Soviet vetoes. Moscow maintains that he must die in captivity and that his release would be tantamount to an amnesty for fascism.

The statement said the Hess family held all four powers responsible and "not just the one cast as the black sheep by the others".

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Cuba says Israelis ringed Beirut mission

HAVANA (R) — Cuba said that more than 100 Israeli soldiers and several armoured vehicles had surrounded its embassy in Beirut. A foreign ministry spokesman said the Cuban government had issued a formal notification to the secretary general of the United Nations and the Lebanese government "denouncing the personal threat to Cuban diplomats." The spokesman added that the residence of Cuban ambassador Jacinto Vazquez de la Garza had been "penetrated without authorisation" by an Israeli soldier.

'Oral contraceptives do not increase chances of cancer'

GENEVA (R) — Women taking oral contraceptives are half as likely to develop cancer of the ovaries as those not using "the pill," the World Health Organisation (WHO) said Friday. Not does long-term oral contraceptive use appear to increase risks of breast cancer as earlier feared, it said in a report. "The longer a woman has used oral contraceptives, the lower her risk of developing ovarian cancer," WHO said, basing its findings on studies of cancer patients in the United States. The pill's apparent protective effect even persisted more than ten years after its use was discontinued, it said.

Ceausescu urges peaceful solution

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Romanian embassy in Amman Friday issued a statement quoting President Nicolae Ceausescu's repeated pronouncement for cessation of Israeli military actions in Lebanon. It contains excerpts from a speech delivered at a popular rally in Bucharest on Thursday. "Our country acts firmly for the cessation of interstate military conflicts and solving all disputed problems exclusively through negotiations. As I mentioned in other occasions, no matter how difficult and long the negotiations are, they represent, beyond compare, the best way, and we must adopt negotiations as the only path for solving the disputed problems," the statement quoted Ceausescu as saying. "In this spirit, we would like... to express our solidarity with the Palestinian people, to ask firmly for the cessation of aggressive Israeli military actions in Lebanon, for the observance of Lebanon's sovereignty and independence and for solving the Middle East problems through negotiations. In such a framework, first and foremost, the Palestinian problem should be solved, on the basis of their right to self-determination and its own state."

11 Filipinos die in ambushes

DAVAO, Philippines (R) — Eleven people, including a town mayor and two suspected kidnappers, were killed in ambushes in two southern Philippine towns, police said Saturday. They said the two alleged kidnappers died when they were ambushed on their way to court in this southeastern Philippine city Friday. The wife of one of the suspects and three alleged criminals were also killed. In the town of Prosperidad, some 160 kilometres to the north, Mayor Arsenio Fundar, another local community leader and three members of a civil home defence force were killed in an ambush, according to police in Cagayan de Oro City. Elsewhere in the south, where Communist and Muslim rebels battle government troops, five guerrillas and two government soldiers were killed in two clashes on Wednesday near Cotabato City, 140 kilometres west of here.

Reader's Digest editor named for 2 top posts

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan has announced the nomination of Kenneth Tomlinson, senior editor of Reader's Digest magazine, to be director of the Voice of America (VOA) and associate director for broadcasting for the U.S. Information Agency (USA). He would succeed John Hughes, the present spokesman of the U.S. department of state.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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problems. Suppose that West opens three diamonds and North holds:

♦xx ♠AKQxx 0x ♣Qxxx

North would dearly like to compete with three hearts, but he cannot do so if he is playing Fishbein. South would almost surely bid some number of spades. So North must pass and hope that he can back into the auction later.

Therefore, most experts give up the penalty double of a preemptive bid in the immediate seat for the more flexible takeout double. Of course, partner always has the option to convert this double to penalties.

How good should a player be to make a takeout double of a preemptive bid? Bear in mind that you are forcing partner to bid at the three- or four-level. Partner has an average expectancy of 8.8 points, so you should have enough to insure some margin of safety if partner has no more than his quota.

To make nine tricks usually requires about 22.24 points. By deducting his holding from that figure, you should have the equivalent of about 16 points for the takeout double.

By applying this guideline, a practical rule of thumb for deciding whether your hand is worth a takeout double of an opening three-bid becomes apparent. Subtract king from your holding. If your hand would still be good enough for a takeout double of an opposing one-bid in the suit, then you are strong enough to double a preemptive opening.

Even North can have

the end of 1942 which said: "A bomb has been developed in a chemical laboratory which, upon bursting, produces a temperature of 1,000 degrees over a wide area."

The film says that three months after the information was received in Tokyo, the Japanese Imperial Army launched a full-scale atomic bomb development plan under Dr. Yoshio Nishina, Japan's top expert on atomic science, who died in 1951.

In a related interview in Tokyo, former Col. Toranosuke Kawashima, who led the project, told NHK: "In January, 1943, I was ordered by Prime Minister Tojo to develop an atomic bomb."

"At the starting line,"

"Gen. Tojo told me that the United States, Germany and Japan were conducting research on atomic bombs. The United States was the most advanced, probably followed by Germany, and Japan was only at the starting line."

"Gen. Tojo then said he feared that the war might be possibly decided by atomic bombs."

The former colonel said Dr. Nishina had been interested in atomic bombs from around 1941 but had never thought of producing them.

Japan surrendered after the American atom bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Aug. 1945 and Gen. Tojo was subsequently executed as a war criminal.

In an interview with Reuters, Sosuke Yasuma, staff producer of NHK's culture and science programme division, said his team could not find any evidence to determine if the intelligence report had made Japan start the atomic bomb project.

But Alcazar de Velasco told the NHK interviewer: "There was a 24-year-old Spanish spy, called Rogelio, who was very brilliant.

"I instructed him to concentrate on obtaining information on the atomic bomb. He got good information by going around here and there. But he suddenly went missing in April 1943."

He said another spy found Rogelio had been shot dead near Binion's, a Las Vegas casino.

Mr. Yasuma said his team discovered the existence of the spy ring while reading declassified sections of U.S. intelligence reports.

For nearly five years, from late 1940, a year before the Pearl Harbour attack by Japan, the United States decoded most of Japan's diplomatic messages.

The recently declassified reports include summaries of

decoded messages prepared by the U.S. army intelligence service for President Franklin Roosevelt and his top officials such as the secretaries of state, army and navy.

Mr. Yasuma said that the 14 volumes of the declassified reports referred to intelligence reports to Tokyo from Madrid 210 times.

He said the reports were always sent to Tokyo, and sometimes to Berlin by the then minister at the Japanese embassy in Madrid, Yachiro Suma, who died in 1945.

Neutral horns' nest

Spain, while sympathetic towards Germany and Japan during World War II, remained neutral and was thus a valuable post from which Japan could obtain information on Europe and America.

Mr. Yasuma said the name of the chief of the spy ring which worked for Suma had been erased from the American reports.

But NHK found the ring leader was Angel Alcazar de Velasco from Fumio Miura, 84, who worked under Suma in Madrid as first secretary.